

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A slip for holding a tubular having an outside surface, the slip  
comprising:

- a. a slip body;
- b. arms extending from the slip body;
- c. a first set of vertical pins attaching the arms to the slip body;
- d. a plurality of linked segments coupled to the arms, wherein each of the linked segments defines an arcuate interior surface for abutting contact with the outside surface of the tubular; and
- e. a second set of vertical pins linking the segments in overlapping layers.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The slip of claim 2 1, wherein the arcuate interior surface defines threads.

4. (currently amended) The slip of claim 2 1, wherein the arcuate interior surface includes a plurality of outwardly extending cones adapted to grip the surface of a tubular.

5. (currently amended) A slip ram for holding a tubular having an outside surface, the slip ram comprising:

- a. a body having a vertical bore defining a vertical centerline and a horizontal bore extending laterally from the vertical bore;
- b. a cylinder extending from the horizontal bore;
- c. a piston within the cylinder;
- d. a piston rod extending from the piston; and
- e. a slip coupled to the piston rod within the horizontal bore, the slip comprising
  - i. a slip body;
  - ii. arms extending from the slip body;
  - iii. a first set of vertical pins attaching the arms to the slip body;
  - iv. a plurality of linked segments coupled to the arms, wherein each of the linked segments defines an arcuate interior surface for abutting contact with the outside surface of the tubular; and
  - v. a second set of vertical pins linking the segments.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The slip of claim 6 5, wherein the arcuate interior surface defines threads.

8. (currently amended) The slip of claim 6 5, wherein the arcuate interior surface includes a plurality of outwardly extending cones adapted to grip the surface of a tubular.